

Inside Iraq—Exercises

1 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN YOUR OWN WORDS!

Where is Iraq located and what is the name of its capital ? _____

Name Iraq's neighbours

- to the east _____
- to the west _____
- to the south _____
- to the north _____

Which two rivers flow through Iraq ? _____

How many people live in the country ? _____

Describe the country's main ethnic groups !

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What other name does the land between the two rivers have ? _____

Who was the area ruled by in the Middle Ages ? _____

Who controlled it during World War I ? _____

When did Saddam Hussein take power ? _____

From which political party did he come and how did he rule the country? _____

Why did he invade Kuwait ? _____

What did the Iraqis agree to do after the Persian Gulf War ? _____

Why did the Americans and their allies start the Iraq War ? _____

Name a few countries that did not support the Americans during the Iraq War : _____

What happened to Saddam Hussein after the war ? _____

What kind of fighting is going on in Iraq today ? _____

Which religious group is in control at the moment ? _____

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2 PUT THE EVENTS INTO THEIR CORRECT ORDER!

- _____ Iraq agrees to destroy all biological and chemical weapons.
- _____ British troops take control of Iraq.
- _____ Saddam Hussein escapes from Baghdad and goes into hiding.
- _____ Saddam Hussein is executed.
- _____ Iraq becomes an independent country.
- _____ Arab Muslims take over Mesopotamia.
- _____ Iraq invades Kuwait
- _____ Americans and their allies start bombing targets in Baghdad.
- _____ Saddam Hussein is found in a small village near Tikrit.
- _____ The Ottoman empire controls a large part of Iraq.
- _____ Iraq starts a war with neighbouring Iran.
- _____ Weapons inspectors are not allowed into the country.
- _____ Saddam Hussein takes over power and becomes president.
- _____ Iraqi people choose their leaders in the first free election.

3 EXPLAIN IN ENGLISH!

- chemical weapon _____
- plain _____
- empire _____
- guilty _____
- revolutionary _____
- trial _____
- ground troops _____
- target _____

5 MANY SENTENCES IN THE FOLLOWING TEXT ARE WRONG. UNDERLINE THE PARTS THAT ARE WRONG AND REWRITE A CORRECT VERSION OF THE TEXT IN THE RIGHT BOX !

Shia Arabs make up the largest part of the population. They live in northern Iraq and were Saddam Hussein's followers. The Kurds, who live in southern Iraq, were independent from Iraq. Saddam Hussein attacked them with nuclear weapons .

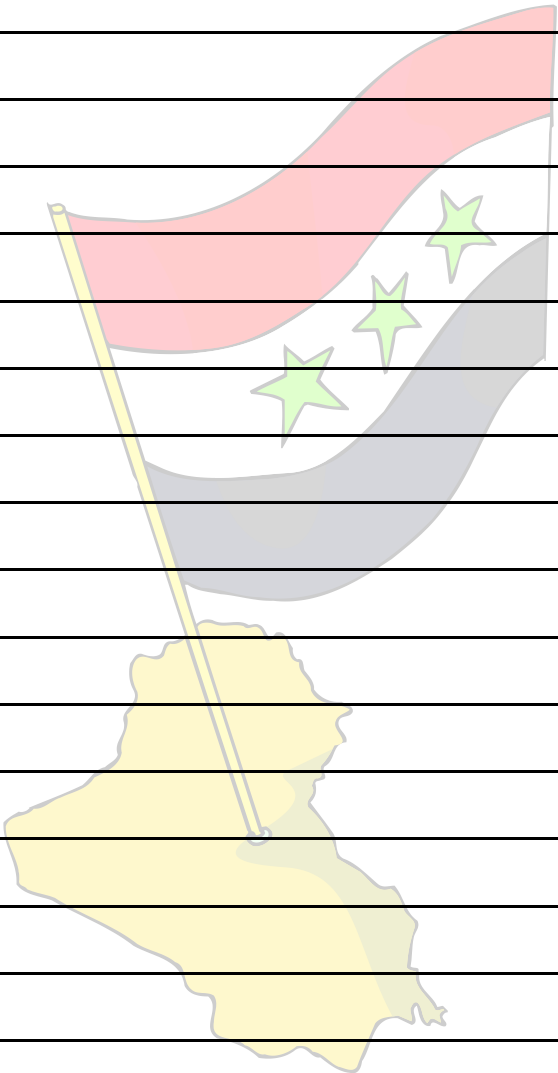
In the middle of the 16th century Mongol warriors from Central Turkey came to the region and destroyed much of the Arab empire. Until the Second World War the region was ruled by the Roman empire.

The USA took control of the area and gave Iraq its independence in 1950. At the end of the 1980s Saddam Hussein came to power and started a war with Saudi Arabia. The Iranians helped him because they thought that Saudi Arabia would become too powerful.

6 FIND 12 WORDS IN THE GRID BELOW THAT YOU HAVE SEEN IN THE TEXT AND MARK THEM ! 

S E N T E N C E U K L U X X
U W W L E R Y P E U T T T U
Q M H K E M O S Q W H U D H
K V M E S O P O T A M I A T
P A D W J U U O J I C T V Z
X B Y I R A N F R T O C D M
K U M D E P K N A A R W F U
J U T I K R I T I G R I S E
Z J F R T U O I L J W Y A Y
Q R Y A S R V E F P H L V L
U R N Y F G A B O D L S I Y
R F K Y F U F Z S Y A S T F
O R H Q W L G M X P S Y H X
C E R G F B Y Q C D D D I N

7 AN IRAQI WRITES AN ESSAY TO THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT IN WHICH HE/SHE DEMANDS THAT THE AMERICANS GET OUT OF HIS/HER COUNTRY!



The image features a central graphic consisting of the Iraqi flag and a map of Iraq. The flag is depicted with its characteristic horizontal stripes of red, white, and black, and a green triangle at the bottom containing three green stars. The map of Iraq is shown in a light yellow color. The graphic is superimposed on a background of horizontal lines, which are intended for the student to write their essay on.